

MINUTES OF ACBL UNIT 547 BOARD MEETING

December 7, 2021 at Temple Beth Torah

“Bridge for Everyone”

Present: Lorraine Salvatore (left at 12:00), Larry Pelletier, Parker Mann, Margie Butler, Barry Brenner, Mark Eckhout, Kay Mendel and Doug Hahn (who arrived 11:00). Thank you, Parker, for taking notes at the start of the meeting.

1) Lorraine called the meeting to order at 10:45 a.m.

Old Business

- 2) There were a couple edits needed for the November 11th minutes. Larry moved to approve the minutes as corrected, it was seconded by Margie. All were in favor of approval. (MSA = Moved, seconded and approved).
- 3) The minutes for the special meeting of the Board on November 16th were not available.
- 4) Kay presented the November financial statements. Parker moved to approve the October financial statements. MSA
- 5) Barry noted he was holding off on coordinating with ACBL on sanctioned games for 2022, until our decisions are made to the games in Camarillo.
- 6) Barry a plan for staffing the Club Manager position and the Board. Barry proposed to resign his position as Club Manager and offered to be nominated to serve on the Board as a voting member. He noted that Parker is willing to take the Club Manager Position for two years and to remain a voting member of the Board for 2022. Larry moved to accept Barry's resignation and accept Parker as Club Manager as of January 1, 2022. It was seconded and approved with 5 yes votes and 1 absenting. MSA
- 7) Mark opened a discussion on the nomination committee. There are four returning voting members, Margie, Mark, Doug and Parker, plus Kay and Barry are offering their nomination as voting members. There needs to be at least 2-4 additional nominees. Names mentioned included Stan Snyder, Craig Kavin and a representative from Ojai. Larry offered to take the lead on the committee with the support of Kay and Mark.
- 8) Contract renewals and plans for next year's Camarillo games were discussed as led by Mark. The games have not been well attended and have been operating at a significant monthly loss (about \$1000). There was sentiment expressed to suspend games until the requirements for masks are changed (a noted deterrent expressed by several East Ventura members). Larry moved to drop the Friday games and to keep the Monday games and to

investigate lower rent with a smaller room or a new venue. Margie seconded the motion and it was approved with 4 for and 2 against. MSC

- 9) BBO games sponsored by our unit are being less attended, but not at an adverse cost to the club. Several scheduled games have been cancelled due to lack of participation. The challenge is to our directors, who may be inconvenienced by scheduled games that are cancelled. Margie noted the directors are OK with it as it is. The Board took no action, leaving it up to the directors to request a change.
- 10) The free play for the Holiday Party was discussed. The flier noted members are offered free play. The intent was to not invite bridge players outside from outside the Unit, but not exclude regular attendees of our games and classes who haven't registered with ACBL.
- 11) Lorraine had to leave the meeting at 12:00. The meeting continued with Margie as Chair.
- 12) Susan presented a flier for the Valentine Sectional planned for February next year. Mark moved to accept the flier, it was seconded and unanimously approved (MSA).
- 13) The January Annual Meeting was discussed.
 - a) The event is planned for Thursday, January 27, 2022. At Temple Beth Torah.
 - b) See related notes in the minutes of the extra November Meeting (11/16/21).
 - c) With our current President, planned to be out of town for the event, Rose had been asked to prepare remarks. She was asked to coordinate the full event with the support of Mark and Margie.
 - d) Mark will be responsible for ordering the box lunches from Stonefire Grill.
- 14) Meeting was adjourned at 12:15.

Respectfully submitted: Douglas Hahn, Secretary